

BOWNE & CO INC
Form 8-K
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 1, 2004

Bowne & Co., Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-05842

13-2618477

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

345 Hudson Street, New York, NY

10014

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-924-5500

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last
report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 1, 2004, Bowne & Co., Inc. (the Company) announced that it entered into an Overnight Repurchase Agreement, dated December 1, 2004 (the Agreement), with Bank of America N.A. (Bank of America), whereby the Company repurchased 2.5 million shares, or approximately 7.0 percent, of its outstanding common stock. The shares were purchased through Bank of America under the Agreement at \$15.75 per share, for a total cost of approximately \$40 million.

Pursuant to the Agreement, Bank of America will purchase shares in the market over the next nine to twelve months (the Purchase Period). Upon termination of the Purchase Period, the Company will receive or pay a price adjustment based on the volume weighted average price of shares acquired during the Purchase Period.

A copy of the Agreement is also attached to this report, as Exhibit 10.1. The descriptions contained herein of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement are not complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Agreement which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company concurrently issued a press release on December 1, 2004, announcing, among other things, the execution of the Agreement. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Open-Market Repurchase Program.

On December 1, 2004, in addition to the Overnight Repurchase Agreement described above, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an open-market repurchase program to purchase up to \$35 million of the Company's common stock. Over a period of up to two years, the Company will repurchase shares from time to time at prevailing prices as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements, and subject to market conditions and other factors. The program may be discontinued at any time. The press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 announced the approval of the open-market repurchase program.

Debt Prepayment.

On December 1, 2004, the Company also announced the Company's intention to redeem the outstanding principal amount of its \$60 million, 7.79% Private Placement Notes (the Notes) in accordance with the terms of the related note agreement. The agreement requires, in addition to the payment of the principal amount, the payment of accrued interest plus a make-whole amount, totaling approximately \$10 million. The press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 announced such intention to prepay the Notes.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

10.1 Overnight Share Repurchase Agreement, dated December 1, 2004, between Bowne & Co., Inc. and Bank of America N.A.

99.1 Press release, dated December 1, 2004.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Bowne & Co., Inc.
(Registrant)

December 6, 2004

By: /s/ Scott L. Spitzer

Name: Scott L. Spitzer
Title: Senior Vice President,
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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